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Dear Dick:

For nearly thirty-five years you have served our Nation with high personal integrity, the fullest measure of your talents and a selfless devotion to our people. The outstanding record of achievement and leadership which you built throughout your Army career is an inspiration to all who are placed in positions of heavy public trust.

It is with a deep and genuine sense of regret therefore, that I accept your resignation as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, effective upon the appointment and qualification of your successor.

In doing so, I welcome this opportunity to express my personal thanks for the outstanding job you have done over the last four years and particularly for the loyal and productive assistance you have given this Administration during these past twenty months. Your solid management skills and certain sense of purpose have been a great strength to the Agency during a particularly difficult period. With your help, I am confident we have been able to make responsible and right decisions affecting the security of all Americans.

Please be assured as you prepare to depart the Agency and retire from the military service that you take with you the respect and admiration of all who have worked with you and my own best wishes for every success and happiness in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

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Dear Mr. Director:

Respectfully referred for the files of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Robert D. Linder Chief Executive Clerk